South Coast Air Quality Management District Executive Order 09-02

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of California has proclaimed a State of Emergency resulting from widespread fires commencing on or about August 26 and August 30, 2009, such proclamations occurring on August 28, 2009, for affected areas in Los Angeles County and on September 1, 2009, for affected areas in San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's proclamations declared that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within these Counties caused by the wildfires; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 118(d)(1), I find and determine and hereby declare that strict compliance with Rules 203 (requirement for a Permit to Operate or compliance with Permit Conditions), 1110.2 (requirements for Emissions from Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines), Rule 1303 (requirement of New Source Review Rules), and 1401 (requirement of New Source Review Rule for Toxic Air Contaminants) would delay critical actions necessary to protect public health and safety and impact the emergency power generation or water pumping needed to support these actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Rule 118(d)(1) of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, I hereby suspend applicable sections of District Rules 203, 1110.2, 1303, and 1401 relative to Permit to Operate requirements or limiting the hours of operation of portable internal combustion engines used for fighting the wildfires commencing on or about August 26, 2009, in the County of Los Angeles and on or about August 30, 2009, in the County of San Bernardino, to the extent that using emergency power generation or water pumping engines that comply with all South Coast Air Quality Management District Rules would delay actions necessary to perform those functions.

This Order and suspension shall be on condition that the operator of an engine used for emergency power generation or water pumping shall record and submit a report to the South Coast Air Quality Management District within seven days of the expiration of the Governor-declared State of Emergency containing all of the following information for each day of operation under this Order:

- (1) The make, model, serial number and size of the engine;
- (2) The name and address of operator;
- (3) The location (city or area) where the engine was used; and
- (4) The records of the dates and hours of operation that such portable engines were used for fighting the wildfires.

This suspension shall be in effect for a period concluding at 5:00 p.m. on September 11, 2009, or upon the termination of the Governor-declared State of Emergency, whichever is earlier.

Dated: September 2, 2009

Barry R. Wallerstein, D.Env.

Executive Officer